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SUBJ: IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS BAGHDAD AND SIGNS A
NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS

1. THE IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, ABAS KHALATBARI, ARRIVED IN BAGHDAD ON DECEMBER 26, 1975 AND SIGNED A NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS WITH THE IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER, SA'DUN HAMMADI. ACCORDING TO THE BAGHDAD PRESS THE AGREEMENTS WERE NEGOTIATED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ALGIERS AGREEMENT AND THE SUBSEQUENT TREATY ON INTERNATIONAL BORDERS. SUBJECTS COVERED BY THE DETAILED AGREEMENTS INCLUDE RULES OF NAVIGATION IN THE SHATT-AL-ARAB, FUNCTIONS OF THE BORDER COMMISSIONS, GRAZING RIGHTS IN BORDER AREAS, SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING LOANS AND CLAIMS, AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXCHANGE OF VISITORS EFFECTIVE MID-MARCH 1976.

2. LATTER AGREEMENT SHOULD CLEAR THE WAY FOR RESUMPTION OF THE TRADITIONALLY HEAVY PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL BY IRANIAN SHI'AS TO THEIR HOLY PLACES IN IRAQ. ACCORDING TO IRANIAN AMBASSADOR IN BAGHDAD, THE MAJOR PROBLEM IN NEGOTIATING THE AGREEMENT WAS TO ARRANGE SUITABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE LARGE NUMBERS OF IRANIAN PILGRIMS WHO WILL PROBABLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE SHIA SHRINES.

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